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IN THE DAY IN HIS TOWN. HAAS IS CONVICTED JONES IS DELIBERATELY
EVADING PROCESS AND IS CONCERNED THAT HIS CLIENT WILL LOSE
CUSTODY OF HER SON BY DEFAULT BECAUSE SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE
FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR A LENGTHY COURT DISPUTE. HAAS
INDICATED JONES APPARENTLY CANNOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF
LOCAL COURT IF HE IS NOT PERSONALLY SERVED PAPERS.
4. EMBASSY POSITION ON THIS CASE HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE
SYMPATHETIC ASSISTANCE WHERE POSSIBLE TO ATTORNEY. CONSUL
DECLINED TO ACCOMPANY HAAS TO INTERIOR ON SEPTEMBER 6. HE
BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS A MATTER PRIMARILY INVOLVING GOG
JUDICIAL AND OFFICIAL PRESENCE. HE DID COORDINATE HAAS'
TRIP WITH GOG COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO PROVIDE HAAS AND
COURT MARSHALL WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY AND OFFICIAL
SUPPORT. CONSUL HAS INFORMED HAAS OF REQUIREMENTS OF
CONSULAR SERVICE OF PROCESS AS OUTLINED IN 7FAM.
5. CONSUL CONSULTED WITH LOCAL ATTORNEY RETAINED BY HAAS
ON SEPTEMBER 7 WHO WILL NOW REQUEST THAT COURT AUTHORIZE
LOCAL POLICE OFFICIAL IN NORTHWEST DISTRICT SERVE COURT
SUMMONS. CONSUL HAD, EARLIER ON SEPTEMBER 7, DISCUSSED

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THIS PROCEEDURE WITH CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT WHO STATED IT WAS FREQUENTLY USED BY COURT IN VIEW OF THE DISTANCE AND DIFFICULTY IN TRAVELING TO THE INTERIOR.

6. CONSUL ALSO CONTACTED REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE'S TEMPLE IN GEORGETOWN ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT BISHOP JONES RESPOND TO SERVICE IN ORDER TO PREVENT SITUATION FROM ESCALATING FURTHER. CONSUL ADVISED REPRESENTATIVE THAT IF JONES DID NOT RESPOND TO SUMMONS OR APPEAR TO EVADE SAME THIS COULD LEGALLY JEOPARDIZE HIS POSITION IN GUYANA AS WELL AS ANY ATTEMPTS TO RETAIN CUSTODY OF JOHN STOEN.

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7. HAAS BELIEVES THAT JONES WILL NOT APPEAR IN COURT AND HAS URGED CONSUL TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO JONESTOWN TO INSURE PAPERS ARE SERVED IN THE EVENT POLICE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL. HAAS' POSITION IS THAT AN AMERICAN MOTHER HAS BEEN AWARDED CUSTODY OF AN AMERICAN CHILD, BY COMPETENT AMERICAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITY AND HE WANTS AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL OF THE EMBASSY (I.E. CONSUL) TO PERSONALLY ASSIST HIM TO INSURE JONES' COURT APPEARANCE. CONSUL, WHILE RECOGNIZING MERITS OF HAAS' CASE, IS STILL RELUCTANT TO PLACE HIMSELF IN QUASI-LEGAL POSITION UNLESS ALL OTHER JUDICIAL APPROVES ARE EXHAUSTED.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE AND/OR COMMENTS REGARDING OUR ROLE IN THIS CASE.

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